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For : METHOD OF TREATING INFECTION OF SUTURES AND
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**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO JUNE 7, 2000 OFFICE ACTION,
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the June 7, 2000 Office Action which was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response was originally due September 7, 2000. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time from September 7, 2000 to November 7, 2000. The fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY FIVE DOLLARS (\$195.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed herewith. Applicants have previously established small entity status. Therefore, a response to the June 7, 2000 Office Action is now due November 7, 2000. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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